

Presentation: Update on Alvarez & Marsal Efficiency Study Recommendations
House Social Services Budget Committee
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Chairwoman Landwehr and members of the Committee, I am Ashley Goss, Interim Deputy Secretary for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today to provide an update on recommendations outlined in the 2016 Statewide Efficiency Review as they relate to the KDHE Division of Public Health, specifically Recommendation #3: *The state should pursue additional Medicaid and health care Federal grant funding that it could be eligible for.*

Community Transformation Grants and National Dissemination and Support for Community

Transformation Grants: The grant/funding was only available to states in 2011 and 2012. The program supported communities with designing and carrying out local programs that prevent chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, and heart disease. In 2011, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) granted \$103 million to state and local governments, tribes and territories, and nonprofit organizations in 36 states.

Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Program: The grant/funding recommended was not available in 2016. Awards for the current five-year project period (2015-2019) were granted in July 2015, prior to the recommendation. The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program (TPP) grant, administered by the Office of Adolescent Health for the Department of Health and Human Services, provides funding to develop and evaluate new and innovative approaches to prevent teen pregnancy. KDHE will monitor funding announcements for future opportunities to apply for TPP grant funding.

KDHE programs with activities related to teen pregnancy prevention include Teen Pregnancy Targeted Case Management and Abstinence Education. In addition, KDHE provides Maternal & Child Health funding to local agencies across the state, and teen pregnancy prevention is an area of focus agencies can elect to focus on.

Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities – Prevention & Surveillance: The grant/funding recommended was not available to Kansas/KDHE in 2016. A new opportunity has not been released since release of the Review. A continuation grant was released during fall 2016; however, only existing grantees were eligible to apply. KDHE will monitor funding announcements for future opportunities to apply for this funding.

KDHE was awarded the CDC's "Surveillance, Intervention, and Referral Services for Infants with Microcephaly and other Adverse Outcomes Linked with the Zika Virus" grant in August 2016. As a result, KDHE is enhancing the current passive birth defects surveillance system to include case verification and improving surveillance methodology to rapidly identify cases of microcephaly and other defects.

Empowering Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities through Chronic Disease Self-Management

Education Programs: In September 2012, the U.S. Administration on Aging launched "Empowering Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities through Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs" financed through the Affordable Care Act Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF). In 2016 two-year CSDME grants were awarded to 12 states. The KDHE Bureau of Health Promotion prepared an application in 2015, but it was not approved for submission.